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Invention: <b>STI STRESS MODIFICATION BY NITROGEN PLASMA TREATMENT FOR IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN SMALL WIDTH DEVICES</b>					
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In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks for entry of record in the above-identified patent application.

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